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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION left by Edmund Adolphus Kirby at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 9th February 1867.

I, EDMUND ADOLPHUS KIRBY, of Gordon Square, in the County of Middlesex, Doctor of Medicine, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "A NEW OR IMPROVED PORTABLE MINIATURE DISPENSARY AND INSTRUMENT CASE FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, AND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES," to be as follows :—

This case has been invented to supply medical men with a portable and ready means of dispensing the medicines they prescribe during their visits to their patients and at their own homes, and to afford a convenient mode of carrying with them besides medicines certain chinal and other instruments which are necessary and constantly required at the bedside in the investigation or the treatment of disease or injuries, together with convenient writing materials for taking notes or writing prescriptions. The Invention is also designed and adapted to the requirements of travellers, colonists, and others resident at a distance from medical men and chemists, and it is suitable for domestic use and all the purposes for which a medicine chest is employed, both by professional men and others.

The novelty of the Invention consists,—

Firstly, in the general construction and arrangment of the case by which the uses and conveniences of several cases are combined in one with compactness and economy of space, the whole being very portable, light, and

Kirby's Improved Portable Medicine Case, &c.

elegant in appearance, and combining in one case the following articles, namely, a pocket instrument case, a catheter case, an enema apparatus case, and a urinometer case, together with writing materials and a supply of medicaments and drugs (in certain definite quantities), and other conveniences necessary for dispensing purposes. 5

The case (which may be constructed of metal, wood, or other suitable material) is made so as to open like a portable desk or despatch box having two or more leaves connected by hinges; these leaves are divided by means of partitions or divisions into separate compartments or spaces of various forms and sizes, adapted to contain the clinical and other instruments 10 and appliances above referred to, so that each is kept in its proper place, and when the case is opened the whole is exposed to view. That leaf or part of the case which is to contain the glass tubes of medicaments and drugs herein-after mentioned is provided with semi-cylindrical grooves in which the tubes lie snugly each in its own groove. The case (if of wood or other similar 15 material) may be covered with morocco or other leather, and the whole or parts lined with velvet, plush, or other soft material as a precautionary measure against breakage, and to prevent the contents from rattling whilst being carried.

Secondly, the novelty of the Invention consists in the construction and 20 arrangement of a contrivance which enables medical men and others to possess in a single portable case those clinical instruments which are necessary for the correct diagnosis of disease, and the remedies which are required for their relief and cure, together with such surgical instruments and appliances as are in common use for the dressing of wounds and for various surgical operations, 25 thus furnishing the medical man with the means of administering relief at once without the delay attending the usual mode of dispensing, the whole being comprised within the size of and combining the uses of an ordinary writing desk or despatch box.

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